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SUBJECT: GATT AND ROMANIAN TARIFF

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1. PENDING REACTION FROM GENEVA AND BRUSSELS, WE DEFERRED DISCSCEON WITH GOR OF FORMULATION SET FORTH IN PARA 5, RUREFTEL B.

2. NOT HAVING RAISED WP REPORT WITH DUMITRESCU SINCE HIS RETURN FROM WASHINGTON, WE ARE UNSURE WHAT CAUSED GOR TO REJECT INSERTION OF REFERENCE TO TARIFF'S EFFECTIVENESS. FACT THAT DUMITRESCU LEFT OPEN, HOWEVER, POSSIBILITY OF WP MAJORITY PROPOSING LANGUAGE CONCERNING TARIFF'S IMPACT STRONGLY SUGGESTS THAT GOR COGNIZANT IT WILL HAVE TO ACCEPT SOME CAVZOJZBOUT EFFECTIVENESS.

3. ON FACE OF ALTERNATIVE DRAFTS ALONE IT IS DIFFICULT
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TO SAY WHETHER U.S. FORMULA OR EC'S LIKELY TO BE MORE

PALATABLE TO GOR, BUT WE SUSPECT EC VERSION MAY ENCOUNTER
LESS RESISTANCE. FROM OUR EXPERIENCE WE BELIEVE
DUMITRESCU, AS SUGGESTED BY KLEIN (PARA 3, REFTEL C),
WILL INDEED INFER THAT U.S. CONCERNED ABOUT MAINTENANCE
OF ANNEX B COMMITMENT RATHER THAN TARIFF'S EFFECTIVENESS.
IN FAVOR OF EC DRAFT

MAY ALSO BE ITS INCLUSION OF PHRASE
"AT THIS STAGE", WHICH PERMITS INTERPRETATION THAT
LIMITED PERIOD OF TARIFF'S APPLICATION, RATHER THAN
SUBSTANTIVE DEFICIENCIES, HAS PREVENTED WP DETERMINATION
THAT TARIFF EFFECTIVE.

4. WHILE WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO PUT FORTH EITHER
FORMULATION TO DUMITRESCU, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE
PREFERABLE, NOW THAT US/EC DIFFERENCES SEEM RECONCILABLE,
TO APPROACH GOR, HERE OR IN GENEVA, WITH TEXT ACCEPTABLE
TO BOTH EC AND OURSELVES. PLEASE ADVISE IF YOU WISH US
TO TAKE ACTION HERE.
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